

Subject:

I strongly OPPOSE: SB 16 & HB 5416. I strongly SUPPORT: HB 5415, HB 5412, & SB 388

OPPOSE Raised SB 16 S.B. 16 AN ACT ADDRESSING GUN VIOLENCE AND JUVENILE CRIME

Adds more guns to the current Assault weapon ban.

Modifies carry law and violated 4th amendment protections.

Creates a state license for gun dealers and State Police oversight of Federal Firearms licensed dealers by the State.

OPPOSE Raised H.B. No. 5416 AN ACT CONCERNING BULK PURCHASES OF PISTOLS AND REVOLVERS.

To limit the purchases an individual may make of pistols and revolvers over a short period of time.

As a sport of Cowboy Fast Draw competitor, a pair of revolvers are often purchased together and tuned by a gunsmith such that they feel and operate identically. The sport mechanically stresses the action that can and does occasionally result in a failure mid-competition. This requires a rapid switch to a second competition gun. When competitors must routinely travel across the country for competitions, only having one gun, or a second gun that feels/operates differently can result in a significant loss of money.

On a larger scale: This bill is the most egregious assault on democracy, the constitution, and the protections built into that document, and is the most frightening example of the slippery slope I have seen in decades. It flies in the face of our founding fathers and what they designed. It must be defeated.

SUPPORT Raised H.B. No. 5415 AN ACT CONCERNING THE TRANSFER OF ASSAULT WEAPONS AND LARGE CAPACITY MAGAZINES.

To allow the legal transfer of an assault weapon possessed under a certificate of possession and large-capacity magazines possessed under a declaration of possession between people who already legally possess such weapons or magazines.

SUPPORT Raised H.B. No. 5412 AN ACT CONCERNING THE DUTY TO RETREAT IN A RELIGIOUS HOUSE OF WORSHIP.

To eliminate the requirement that a person in a house of religious worship retreat before using deadly physical force to defend himself or herself or a third person.

This does not make it easier to claim self-defense. The other generally recognized elements of Innocents, Imminence, Proportionality, and Reasonableness are still required. This bill simply eliminates prosecutorial misjudgment concerning whether or not a victim could have fled, resulting in the victims "financial devastation" at a trial that should not have happened. (Reference; Andrew Branca; "The Law of Self Defense Principles")

SUPPORT Raised S.B. No. 388 AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEFENSE OF A PERSON OR A PERSON'S DWELLING, PLACE OF WORK OR MOTOR VEHICLE.

To create a presumption that it is reasonable to believe deadly physical force is necessary to defend (1) oneself or another person as prescribed in section 53a-19, or (2) oneself from a person who has unlawfully entered one's dwelling, place of work or motor vehicle.

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